

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 have been cancelled and thus, claims 3-10 are pending and under consideration. Since claims 3-10 were allowed in the January 23, 2006 Office Action, the application is in condition for allowance.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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